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BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Your input on the BDCP EIR/EIS is greatly appreciated. Please write your comments below, including comments on the extent of the action, range of alternatives, methodologies for impact analysis, types of impacts to evaluate, and possible mitigation concepts. Comments will be accepted until close of business on May 30, 2008.

BIOCOM, the association for the Southern California life science community, has more than 550 member companies in Southern California. The life science industry in San Diego County alone contributes 8-point-5 billion dollars to the economy.

Thank you for coming to San Diego to give me the chance to comment on behalf of my organization on the development of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan.

BIOCOM was born in the early 1990s in the midst of a devastating drought. It was born because the life science industry recognized an urgent need to come together and push for actions that would enhance our region's water reliability.

Today, we again see a need for urgent action. But this time it's not only San Diego County's water reliability that's at risk — it's the reliability of California's water system.

The issues facing the Bay-Delta are tough and complex. But they need to be addressed, and addressed quickly. California's water system cannot work without a plan that creates a more stable and sustainable Delta. And if California's water system breaks down, industries such as ours are at risk of breaking down, too.

We support the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan because it maps out a comprehensive approach for solving the Delta's most critical issues. It does so in a way that puts restoring water supply reliability on equal footing with restoring habitats for fish and wildlife. It is the foundation of a long-term solution for meeting the state's future water needs.

We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort to date among water agencies, environmental organizations, and state and federal agencies, and urge your Steering Committee to make every effort to keep the plan on track for approval by 2010.

Over the years BIOCOM has strongly advocated for sound water policies and programs. These include programs that enhance regional water conservation efforts and expand the use of reclaimed water. Many of our member companies have embraced conservation and the use of reclaimed water for years, and many more are taking similar steps now. The life science community knows that finding more efficient ways to use this precious resource is the right thing to do for our future.

In an ultra-competitive industry, one of the few true growth industries in our state, and with other states spending millions to attract our companies and research institutes, water reliability in California is essential to the survival of the life science industry here. We need your help and leadership to push forward a comprehensive Bay-Delta plan that meets the critical water needs of our industry and our state.

You may also e-mail your comments to BDCPcomments@water.ca.gov. **Comments must be received by May 30, 2008.**